

We claim:

- 1 . 1. A process for producing carbamazepine which comprises reacting iminostil-  
2 bene with an alkali cyanate in acetic acid, or a mixture of aqueous acetic acid with  
3 water, or within alcohol and recovering the resulting carbamazepine.

- 1           2. The process of claim ~~X~~<sup>A</sup> wherein an aqueous acetic acid mixture is employed  
2 containing up to about 20% wt. water based on the mixture.

3. The process of claim 1, wherein an alcoholic acetic acid mixture is used containing up to about 10% wt. alcohol based on the mixture.

4. The process of claim 3, wherein the alcohol is methanol or ethanol.

5. The process of claim ~~1~~, wherein the alkali cyanate is gradually added directly to the reaction mixture of iminostilbene and acetic acid, or acetic acid mixture.

6. The process of claim ~~1~~, wherein the alkali cyanate is added in an aqueous solution.

7. The process of claim 1 wherein the alkali cyanate is sodium- or potassium e.